



## SOMERSET COUNTY 2005 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<i>Farm Numbers</i> <sup>1</sup>	1992	1997 <sup>3</sup>	2002
<i>Number of Farms</i>	345	314	301
<i>Average Size (acres)</i>	161	180	188
<i>Land in Farms (acres)</i>	55,657	56,424	56,650

<i>Livestock Inventory</i> <sup>1</sup>	1992	1997 <sup>3</sup>	2002
<i>Cattle</i>	2,276	1,916	2,366
<i>Hogs</i>	7,222	2,082	65
<i>Sheep</i>	2	2	2

<i>2002 Value of Sales</i> <sup>1</sup>	
<i>All Products (\$1,000)</i>	127,277
<i>Poultry &amp; Eggs (\$1,000)</i>	118,089
<i>Grains &amp; Oilseeds (\$1,000)</i>	6,166
<i>Vegetables (\$1,000)</i>	1,668

<i>Demographic Data</i> <sup>1</sup>	1992	1997 <sup>3</sup>	2002
<i>Average Age of Operator</i>	53.3	54.3	55.1
<i>Percent Female Operators</i>	11.0	11.8	15.6

<i>2002 Equine Census</i>	
<i>Number of Equine Places</i>	80
<i>Equine Inventory</i>	280
<i>Value of Equine Inventory</i>	\$800,000

<i>Crop Production Acres Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> <sup>1</sup>			
<i>Corn for Grain</i>	13	<i>Soybeans</i>	10
<i>Barley</i>	17	<i>Vegetables</i>	16
<i>Forage</i>	21	<i>Wheat</i>	13

<i>Livestock &amp; Poultry Inventories Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> <sup>1</sup>			
<i>Beef Cattle</i>	15	<i>Milk Cows</i>	21
<i>Broilers</i>	3	<i>Sheep</i>	23
<i>Hogs</i>	21		

<sup>1</sup> Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

<sup>2</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>3</sup> Revised.

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<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
<i>Corn for Grain (bushels)</i>	2003	12,700	135.8	1,724,200
	2004	14,800	155.2	2,296,300
	2005	12,800	124.1	1,588,900

<i>Corn for Silage (tons)</i>	2003	*	*	*
	2004	*	*	*
	2005	*	*	*

<i>Soybeans (bushels)</i>	2003	18,600	42.4	789,400
	2004	18,700	42.9	801,900
	2005	17,700	35.3	625,500

<i>Wheat (bushels)</i>	2003	3,900	43.6	170,000
	2004	4,700	66.0	310,382
	2005	4,300	67.6	290,700

<i>Hay (tons)</i>	2003	1,200	2.1	2,500
	2004	1,400	2.7	3,800
	2005	1,100	2.6	2,800

<i>Barley (bushels)</i>	2003	*	*	*
	2004	*	*	*
	2005	*	*	*

\* Acreage too small to publish.

	2003	2004	2005
<i>Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)</i>	\$61.46	\$70.16	\$62.57

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